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SUBJECT: UN SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTS THREE RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENSUS, NOVEMBER 17, 2006

REF: A. STATE 188131

[B.](#) STATE 188555

¶11. (U) The United Nations General Assembly Second Committee (Economic and Financial Affairs) adopted three resolutions by consensus on November 17. The resolutions adopted were as follows:

-- A/C.2/61/L.42 (draft resolution submitted by South Africa on behalf of the G77 under agenda item 53(b)) -- Follow-up and Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation for the Program of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. The committee Secretary read out an oral statement on program budget

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implications (PBI) indicating that there are no PBI implications for the 2006-2007 period. The Secretariat noted that requirements for the 2008-2009 biennium would need to be considered in the budget for that period, handled through the Fifth Committee. (Note: the resolution's core request was for the Secretariat to rearrange current staffing within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to adequately staff the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) Unit, which has a current staff level of 2 full time employees. Some SIDS unit positions had been funded in other years through voluntary contributions. End note.) Adopted by consensus (Ref A).

-- A/C.2/61/L.44 (draft resolution submitted by South Africa on behalf of the G77 under agenda item 53(c), international strategy for disaster reduction) -- Natural Disasters and Vulnerability. The Committee was informed that the resolution contained no PBI. The resolution was adopted by consensus (Ref B), after which the U.S. read an Explanation of Position concerning resolution references to the frequency of extreme weather events (Ref B).

-- A/C.2/61/L.32/Rev.1 (draft resolution submitted by Belarus with U.S. and numerous other co-sponsors under agenda item 58, operational activities for development of the United Nations system) -- Commemoration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Operations of the United Nations Children's Fund. The Committee was informed that the resolution contained no PBI. Adopted by consensus.
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